

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, 03-010

The Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 7:00 P. M. CST at City Hall, in Franklin, Tennessee, located on the square at 109 Third Avenue South, 37064. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment regarding an application by The City of Franklin for a water quality permit under *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*.

The activity for which a permit is sought involves an increase in the instantaneous pumping capacity of the city's municipal water withdrawal from the Harpeth River. Water is presently withdrawn from a small impoundment upstream of a dam in the river. The river water is used to fill an off stream reservoir from which it is pumped to the treatment plant when needed. The present maximum rate of withdrawal is 5000 gallons per minute (gpm) or 7.2 million gallons per day (mgd). The proposal is to increase the pump capacity to 7,800 gpm or 11.2 mgd. The present water treatment plant capacity is 2.6 mgd that is proposed to be increased to 4.15 mgd. The present method of operation does not maintain flow in the Harpeth River. Under the new proposal, the city would monitor flow and withdraw water only when there is at least 5 cubic feet per second or 3.2 mgd in the Harpeth River.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public hearing. The hearing officer will limit all testimony to relevant water quality issues and may limit testimony in the interest of time, however, all persons desiring to speak will be afforded an opportunity to do so. Written testimony will be accepted for at least 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Pollution Control at the address printed below. The comments must be received by January 14, 2004. After considering all public comments, the Division will publish a final permit decision and a notice of the Division's determinations.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or to review these filings) should contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no less than ten days prior to December 18, 2003, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

The permit application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Division office during business hours at the following address:

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